

Discover & Experience Europe's Last Secret: Albania

Eight days filled with unique natural landscapes combined with the background story of the country and the influences of various religions and politics.

Day - 4 Gjirokastra

PËRMET – BËNJA – GJIROKASTRA (B, L, D)

The day starts with the transfer to the village of Bënje, where you can find six beautiful natural pools of thermal waters. The Langerica River forms a splendid canyon and the Ottoman Bridge of Katiu is the frame of this beautiful place. All those who don't like to walk along the canyon, can have a bath at one of the thermal pools. Transfer to Gjirokastra for lunch. In the afternoon, a guided visit of the town is planned. It is an outstanding example of an Ottoman merchant town and one of the few still surviving in the Balkans. Visit the castle and a very traditional museum house. Dinner is then served in a traditional restaurant where you can taste homemade dishes characteristic of the region, accompanied by the sound of traditional Albanian folk music called iso-polyphony. It is original music and as such is included in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.

Overnight: Gjirokastra

Inclusions

- 7 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary (B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

FOR EXAMPLE:

- CityTour of Tirana
 - lakeside walk along Lake Ohrid
 - Food tour in Pogradec
 - Cooking class in Korça
 - Go river walking through the wild beauty of the Langerica River and bathe in the natural thermal pools
 - Hike on the traces of Lord Byron
 - Enjoy a guided tour of Gjirokastra – UNESCO World Heritage
 - Feel the Albanian iso-polyphony folk music – UNESCO World Heritage
 - Visit a shepherd's hut and learn more about the cheese production
 - Visit the ruins of Butrinti - UNESCO World Heritage
 - Hiking & Boat Tour of the Ionian Coast
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses or with public transportation according to itinerary
 - English speaking tour guide
 - Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees